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Docket No. 37355-169

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In re Appln. of Lasch, et al.

Appln. No. 10/749,006

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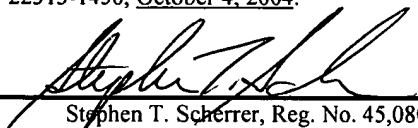
For: **Metal-Containing Transaction  
Card and Method of Making  
the Same**

Examiner: Not yet assigned

Art Unit: 2876

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Dear Sir:

In accordance with 37 CFR §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, the references listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 are being brought to the attention of the Examiner for consideration in connection with the examination of the patent application identified above. A copy of each cited reference is enclosed herewith.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits. Therefore, Applicants submit that no fee or certification is necessary for consideration of the cited references pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.97. If it is deemed that this Information Disclosure Statement was filed after the issuance of a first Office Action on the merits, then the Commissioner is requested to charge the fee required under 35 U.S.C. §117(p) to Deposit Account No. 13-0206.

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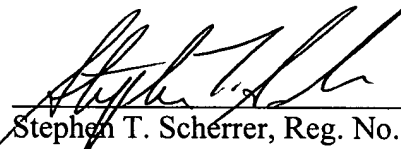
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It is respectfully requested that the Examiner indicate consideration of the cited references by returning a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 with initials or other appropriate remarks.

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